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Planning Continues for U.S. 93 Corridor from Missoula to Florence - MDT schedules two public meetings

Missoula - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is hosting two public meetings to present the recommended improvement options for U.S. 93 Corridor Study from Florence to Missoula. Scheduled meeting dates are: Wednesday, January 30 at the Florence - Carlton School Gym/Cafeteria in Florence, 5602 Old Hwy 93; and Thursday, January 31 at the Missoula Quality Inn, 3803 Brooks St. A presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an Open House to follow at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide an overview of the work that has been completed to date and present the recommended improvement options to address current and future travel needs in the U.S. 93 Corridor between Florence and Missoula.

The consultant team will explain the purpose of the corridor plan and where we are in the project development process. Traffic analysis, transit analysis, the screening process, and the resulting recommended improvement options will be part of the presentation.

The purpose of developing the corridor plan is to identify the improvements most needed on U.S. 93 from Florence to Missoula that will meet the corridor's operational requirements and user needs for the next 20 years. The primary outcome of the plan will be the identification of the most appropriate and fundable improvements that will meet the traveling public's needs through 2030.

More information on the corridor plan is available at www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/us93corridor/ or by contacting Darryl James, consultant team manager for HKM Engineering, at (406) 442-0370.

Community participation is a very important part of the process, and the public is encouraged to attend. Comments and concerns may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, by mail to Sheila Ludlow, MDT, P.O. Box 201001 Helena, MT 59620-1001 or Darryl James at HKM Engineering P.O. Box 1009, Helena, MT 59624 or online at www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml.

MDT attempts to provide accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's participation in any service, program or activity of the Department. If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact Darryl James at (406) 442-0370 at least two days before the meeting. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592.

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